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OF PRIME MINISTER AMIN

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2. SUMMARY: A RECENT SPATE OF "UNDERGROUND" LETTERS CALLING
FOR THE OUSTER OF PRIME MINISTER AMIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES
(BUT NOT PRESIDENT TARAKI), AND THE FORMATION OF A UNITED
FRONT OF ALL "TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES," COULD BE PART OF A
RUMORED EFFORT TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THIS REGIME'S
LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE GROWING DOMESTIC INSURGENCY.
THE LETTERS' THEMES, HOWEVER, ARE THOSE OF THE RIVAL PARCHAM
WING OF THE PARTY, AND THEREBY, WITH THEIR EXTREME LEFTIST
AND INHERENT ANTI-WESTERN BASES, OFFER LITTLE COMFORT TO
THOSE WHO MIGHT HOPE FOR A GENUINE MODIFICATION OF THE KHALQI
GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES. END OF SUMMARY.

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3. UNDERGROUND "NIGHT-LETTERS" (SHABNAHMAS") STARTED CIRCULATING THROUGHOUT KABUL SEVERAL DAYS AGO. DISTRIBUTION HAS BEEN SURREPTITIOUS, BUT STILL FAIRLY OPEN (I.E., COPIES HAVE BEEN FOUND LYING ON THE STREETS, AND ONE FLUTTERED OVER A DIPLOMAT'S WALL IN BROAD DAYLIGHT) THEREBY SUGGESTING THAT SOME SEGMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE TURNING THE OTHER WAY. THE SUBSTANTIVE THRUST OF THESE LETTERS IS SIMILAR, AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

-- PRIME MINISTER HAFIZULLAH AMIN, AND HIS "FASCIST BAND OF GANGSTERS," REPRESENTS THE PRINCIPAL TARGET, WHILE NO CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT TARAKI HAS YET BEEN SEEN.

-- OTHER TARGETS ARE: "UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM" (WHOSE NEFARIOUS HAND, BY CLEAR IMPLICATION IS BEHIND ALL EVENTS IN THE REGION); THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ("IKHWAN-I-MUSLIMIN"); THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN; THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT; AND "REACTIONARY FORCES."

-- GOALS OF "TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES" SHOULD BE THE OSEPROCLAIMED BY MIR AKBAR KHAIBAR (THE FORMER PARCHAMIST INTELLECTUAL WHOSE MURDER ON APRIL 17, 1978, SET OFF THE CHAIN OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE KHALQI REVOLUTION), AND THE "WORKERS' IDEOLOGY," WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SHOULD SERVE AS A GUIDING LIGHT.

-- THE REGIME OF THE "CHIEF OF THE PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS" (AMIN) IS TYPIFIED BY INDISCRIMINATE ARREST AND TORTURE OF FEMALES, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE INTERESTS OF "U.S. IMPERIALISM," "ANIMAL TORTURES" OF "TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES," AND THE PILLAGING OF INNOCENT PEOPLES' HOMES, ALL OF WHICH WERE FEATURES OF ADOLPH HITLER'S RULE.

-- PROGRESS OF THE REVOLUTION, AND DEFENSE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE HOMELAND, IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE "IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION" OF AMIN AND HIS ASSOCIATES.

-- "DEATH TO AMIN AND HIS FASCIST PARTISANS, TO THE CIA, TO IKHWANIS, TO MAOISTS," AND "FORWARD WITH ALLIANCE AND UNITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND NATIONALIST FORCES."

A COMMENT: THE TRACT CLEARLY REFLECTS A PARCHAMIST AUTHORSHIP, AS MOST OF THE VITRIOL IS DIRECTED AT THE KHALQI LEADERSHIP, ALBET MINUS TARAKI. THIS PARTICULAR FEATURE COULD BE PART OF THE RUMORED EFFORT UNDERWAY TO REMOVE SOME MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP IN ORDER TO DEFUSE THE DOMESTIC INSURGENCY, SINCE A GENERAL PARCHAMIST BROADSIDE AT THE KHALQIS WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE RESERVED SOME BRICKBATS FOR TARAKI. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE APPEAL TO FOLLOW THE PREACHINGS OF KHAIBAR -- WHO BEFORE HIS DEATH WAS REPORTEDLY A PROPONENT OF THE 1977 KHALQ/PARCHAM WEDDING -- AND THE ASSERTION THAT THERE REMAIN "TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES" WITHIN THE KHALQ PARTY, COULD REPRESENT AN APPEAL TO ALL LEFTISTS (PARCHAMISTS AND DISENCHANTED KHALQIS) TO FORM A "UNITED FRONT" FOR THE OUSTER OF AMIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES. WE HASTEN TO ADD, HOWEVER, THAT THE MYRAID ANTI-WESTERN DIATRIBES UNDERSCORE THE CONCLUSION THAT A LEFTIST AFGHAN REGIME'S BASIC POLICIES, EVEN WITHOUT AMIN, WOULD PROBABLY NOT MODIFY TO ANY GREAT EXTENT.

5. FINALLY, THE MERE APPEARANCE OF THESE LETTERS IN SUCH VOLUME (VIRTUALLY EVERY DIPLOMATIC MISSION HAS GAINED POSSESSION OF ONE OR MORE COPIES) AND THE MANNER OF THEIR DISTRIBUTION SUGGEST THAT, FOR SOME REASON, THE POLICE AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SQUELCH THE SPREAD OF PROPAGANDA CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL (OR WORKS) OF THE COUNTRY'S "STRONG-MAN." HOW LONG THIS SITUATION WILL PERSIST REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT AMIN, IN OUR JUDGMENT, IS NOT THE KIND OF POLITICIAN TO MEELY FOLD HIS TENT AND PERMIT OTHERS TO TAKE OVER "HIS" REVOLUTION.

6. OTHER ANTI-AMIN PROPAGANDA HEARD HERE RECENTLY PORTRAYS THE PRIME MINISTER AS A SECRET CIA AGENT WHOSE MISSION HAS BEEN TO DESTROY THE CREDIBILITY OF THE USSR IN AFGHANISTAN.

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